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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amusements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the most

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domestick.

Perform'd by some of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Assistance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From Monday November 27th. to Wednesday November 29th. 1710.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. I *Desire to be inform'd at what time, and by what General Council, or other Authority, the Doctrine or Belief of our* Blessed Saviour's Incarnation *was first Introduced and Taught in the Church; for that I do not find any Command or Injunction for the same in Scripture.*

Yours, C. H.

A. The Word *Incarnation*, 'tis true, you do not find in the Scripture, but that which means the same Thing you may find in innumerable Places of it, particularily and more Expressly in *John*, 1. 14. *The Word was made Flesh*, which *Word*, he had said before, *Ver.* 1. *was God.* To this Bold Man therefore that dares Question the Fundamental Article of Christianity, we Answer, that we profess to have no other Authority for the Belief of it but the Scripture it self.

Q. Gentlemen, *No Body has a greater regard for your useful and Ingenious Undertaking than my self; and that not meeting with Numerous Trains of encouragers is an ample demonstration of the Vileness and Corruption of the Age we Live in. Perhaps there never occur'd to you any Case so very particularly base, horrid, and enormous as the subsequent Relation, or or more Worthy of your candid Assistance. I affirm to you it is not Fictitious, but real and true in every particular of it. Therefore let me entreat you by the first Opportunity to insert it in your* British Apollo, *with your Opinion what the Person injur'd can and ought to do by Law, with Parallel Instances, if possible; and also what the Persons injuring ought to do in some measure to attone for so Flagitious an act, with whatever else you may judge necessary to relieve the Miserable and Distress'd.*

A Gentleman of an Ancient Family in Berks, *sends up a Daughter of his to a near Relation in* London, *an Old Gentlewoman of good Repute, the better to have her Instructed in some Accomplishments, not easily acquired in the Country. The Young Lady was Beautiful and Innocent, perhaps exceeding any Body you may have known. But so it fatally happen'd, that a certain Nobleman, who has a Lady, and Children at Womens Estate, well Practis'd in Vice, found means to Address himself to this Unhappy Lady. He did it under a borrow'd Name, pretending only to be a Man of* 5 *or* 600 l. per Annum. *and a Company in the* Marines. *His Letters and Visits were daily repeated, so that in about* 4 *Months time, he obtains her Promise, to Marry him. The Day was appointed, and a License obtain'd, which only could be done by Perjury; however Married they were, in a Parochial Church, at the Hour of* 10, *and by an Eminent Doctor in Divinity (who certainly knew the Impostor) in the Presence of two Officers, Cronies of the Lord, the one a Major General, who gave the Young Lady; which done, he carried her to* Greenwich, *and upon the fourth Day, a Fat Matron-like Woman well Dress'd, paid her a Visit, being employ'd by the Impostor to reveal the Secret to her; who after a great deal of Reflection upon Man's Villainy and Lustful Delusions, lays open the Cursed Deceit, and Tenders Presents and a Settlement, and since it was so, it could be help'd; the most Prudent way was to make the best of it. The Poor Young Lady, immediately fell into an inexpressible distracted Confusion, force'd her way out of the House, went into the Country to her Heart-broken Friends, whose chief darling she was, where she still remains sighing out her Days in the utmost Grief. Your favor in this shall be acknowledged by,*

Yours, J. D.

A. It is some Consolation to the Destressed, to see themselves the Objects of Publick Pity and the Persons, by whom they were injured, universally despised and hated. And it is in this only that we are capable of assisting this Poor Lady, as we make her Case more Publickly known. For as

for the satisfaction that is proportionable to so great an Injury, or the Punishment that such complicated Villany deserves, our Judgment will signify nothing, since it will be superseded by the Authority of the Court. Nor does the Querist (we suppose) want to be informed, that by *Stat.* 1. *Jac.* 1. 11. a *Bigamist* shall suffer Death as a Felon, except he is admitted to his Clergy: And as for Instances of this kind, they are innumerable. In short, the Law is open, and both out of a Compassionate concern for the Lady, and a Detestation of such Barbarous Injustice, we cannot forbear Suggesting, that Honor is no Protection for a Villain, and that, however the Lady may be satisfied by any Consideration of Money, or of a Settlement, yet Justice does absolutely require that such Flagrant Crimes do not pass without an exemplary Punishment.

Q. Gentlemen, *Do you think there is any thing in that common Saying*; A Green Christmas makes a Fat Church-Yard?

A. We believe there is nothing in it; for we are inform'd by some Ancient People, that at *Christmas* before the last great Plague, it was a hard, continued Frost.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray, tell me which I shall choose for a Wife, one that has Virtue, Beauty and some Money; or one that has Virtue, less Beauty and more Money? Your Answer will Oblige,*

Yours, PHILANDER.

A. Had you said with less *Virtue*, Beauty and Money wou'd not the least stand in Competition with it: But we think more Money, will make satisfaction for a little less Beauty, since a short Habit will render that equal with more. And tho' Riches often make themselves Wings and fly away, yet they are not Subject to so many unavoidable Irreparations as Beauty, which also certainly decays with Age, when Riches are often improv'd.

Q. Gentlemen, *I have for some time Courted a Rich Widow; but am under Apprehensions of her making over her Estate, before Marriage, in which Case, I shall enjoy no more of it, than she thinks fit, which may happen to be little enough. Such things have been, and may be again as I am Informed. I desire your Opinion, what the consequences will be in that Case, and whether it is a common Case, for Widows to do so, and whether her Trusty Friend she makes her Estate over to can notwithstanding my Marriage, keep me out of Possession of the Estate, and you will Oblige,*

Your Friend and Servant, &c.

Pray, Answer this, in your next, and tell me how I may put a stop to such her design, and whether if she her self enjoys it, I cannot enjoy it too on Marriage, be her Estate Real or Personal.

A. We will assure you it is Customary for Widows, in such manner to secure themselves, and when they have so made over their Estates in Trust, it is out of the Husbands Power to dispose of any part of it. And we have Reason to think it wou'd lessen your Opinion of the Discretion of those, who readily give up their certainty for an uncertainty. Yet your Case may not be so bad as to imagine it, for as fast as she actually receives the Income of it, you have a right to that, tho' you cannot dispose of the Principal, while in her Trustees Hands; and if she Clandestinely makes over her Estate so, without your mutual Agreement, perhaps you will not be blam'd, if you use at Discretion, what she receives. How different may we suppose the Style of your Address to her, is from that to us! Her Person in that doubtless is the Principal Object of your attemps, while to us, it is not made so much as one Article of it. Strange, that Men shou'd use all their Rhetoric to persuade a belief of that, which never once enters their Hearts to perform!

N. B. We receiv'd a Letter sign'd *Torrismond*, but not till the Day after he mention'd he shou'd be out of Town; when we hear he is return'd again, he may hear from us.

POEMS.

Q. *HA! ha!* APOLLO, *have I stung ye,*
But once again, I'll be among ye,
Oh how of late you stamp'd and star'd, Sirs,
And most confoundedly was scar'd, Sirs,
Soon as you found your selves detected,
And th' Wiles expos'd you had projected.

Thus have I seen in Field of Peasant,
A sight diverting, Sirs, and Pleasant,
Some gamesome Lusty Heifer, which
Gad Breeze had taken by the B——
Run frisking o'er the flow'ry Plain,
And bell'wing seek relief in vain.

Yet, hang it—— why shou'd Friends fall out,
Lets therefore make no farther Rout,
But quite forgetting Quarrels past
Be fairly reconcil'd at last.

So shall't no more by me be said
That Great APOLLO *writes for Bread,*
Nor shall you prove that I poor Sinner!
In Cellar wail the want of Dinner.

And thus, Sirs, having made Proposal,
With which, Messieurs, *I hope you'll close all;*
I send a Query *(here d'ye see't)*
To help fill up your Weekly Sheet.
Shew then——
Why when o'er Night good Merry Fellows,
Have sung old rose and Burn the Bellows,
And spent the time in Deep Carouses
Unmindfull of neglected Spouses,
And push'd the Glass so far in fine, Sirs
That Reason truckled to the Vine, Sirs,

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Shew

Shew whence the Custom first was brought, Sirs,
From each next Morn' to Claim a Groat, Sirs,

OROTEUS.

A. Sure you're the only Instance, Nature
E'er made such a Fantastick Creature:
Whose Head (unworthy further Pains)
She fill'd with Vapours, 'stead of Brains;
The Fountain whence these Whims arise,
And mount like Vapours to the Skies,
It talks of Goddesses and Gods,
As if accquainted with their Nods:
Comes to our Alter too, more rough,
Than those, are chang'd with wiser Stuff:
Nay talks of Quarrels hap'd between us
'S if any had Familiar seen us.

(This Wight as we inform'd you lately)
March'd forth of Tavern Door most stately:
In Quest of *Fire*, why *Widow* hight,
By Mortals left 'thout Heat or Light:
Altho' in truth his only care,
Was to inform he had been there?
Where being regal'd with Snuffs of Stum,
He Pump'd but'las no Wit could come;
But now to make his Thoughts the Quicker,
He comes inspir'd with Porters Liquor;
As plain appears, by th' Phrase you tell us,
Since only us'd among such Fellows.
Now we who see all things, must know too,
All Circumstances, high and low too;
And since impartially we Shine,
On Wiser Heads, and such as thine;
For once we will resolve——pray hear ye:
The matter in your Doughty Query.

A Place call'd *Bromegen* by Name,
Had once a *Mint*, of wondrous Fame;
Where *Iron Bars* of little worth,
Long Bags of *Silver-groats* brought forth;
That is (take me not up to fast)
Such as (those times) for Silver Past:
Now all (you know) who work in Metal,
Whether on Guineas, or on Kettle,
By heat of Fire' are made so Thirsty,
That they must Drink, or else, they must Die.
The *Bromegens* they being Topers,
Natives, as well as Interlopers;
Impos'd this Mulct on one another,
For the Reverse, of being Sober;
Not that they fancy'd by this *Rino*.
They'd seldomer be Drunk——O fy, no:
For such a Groat when they were *In*,
Was scarce the value of a Pin;
But politickly by this Fashion,
To make 'em Circ'late in the Nation,
The Whim so well look on this Score,
That they who ne'er were Drunk before,
In flowing Bumpers wou'd contest,
To carry on next Mornings jest;
And thus their Groats went off amain,
Others the *Jest*, They had the *Gain*.

APOLLO,

Q. *Youth has Charms, and so has Gold,*
But what has the Poor and Old;
Tho' I'm Young, and Gold my Slave,
Such a Man, I think to have.
Since he has no Pow'r to warm,
Tell me wherein lies the Charm;
Why shou'd he my Thoughts Bewitch,
To decline the Young and Rich.

SILVIA.

A. If this be more than a Joke,
Sure you take him for a Cloak:
Or incurr'd some Crime that's Great,
Which you thus wou'd expiate;
Hoping, mortify'd by this,
You'll attone for what's amiss;
But, ah *Silvia*, have a care,
This we fear will more Insnare;
And by such Relief you'll run,
Greater Risks to be undone.

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SIR,

THE Letters from Dantzick Nov. 15. Advise that last Advices from Petersbourg tell us the Czar of Muscovy continued there the 30th past, without having fixed a Time for his Departure for Riga, which Journey was thought to be retarded by the raging of the Plague in those Parts; That Great Rejoycings had been made at Petersbourg for the Reduction of Revel, where 'tis said, 1500 Soldiers and 9000 Burghers died of the Plague during the Siege; That the Day of Marriage of the Prince of Courland with the Czar's Niece, was fixed to be at Petersbourg the 10th Instant; That Count Stromberg, formerly Governour of Riga, had obtained the Czar's Leave to go to Stockholm, to sollicit his own Exchange and that some other Sweedish General-Officers for Muscovites who have been long detained Prisoners in Sweeden; That the King of Poland has resolv'd to stay here, till he hears the Czar is on the Road for Riga, where they are to have an Interview: Mean while Prince Repnin has provided Lodgings there for his Czarian Majesty, and has publickly notifyed, that his Czarian Majesty, will contribute all

all that is in his Power to make Commerce flourish there, that the Ancient Customs shall not be augmented, and that all Goods usually exported from thence shall pass, except Timber, which the Muscovites would reserve for building Ships; and that the King of Poland, who has frequent Conferences here with the Nobility of the Kingdom, has already agreed with them, the Reparition of Winter-Quarters for the Saxon Troops, and Part of those of Muscovy.

Which is all from Yours, &c.

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MR. *Roger Grant*, OCULIST and OPERATOR, in Extraordinary to Her MAJESTY, who has been so successful in Couching the Cateract and Curing all other Curable Distempers in the Eyes, lives in St. *Christopher's Church-Yard*, where he has lately brought to Sight these Persons under-nam'd. *Wil. Jones*, at *Newington-Buts*, born blind, brought to Sight in 5 minutes. *Susan Barns*, at Mr. *Haunches*, in the *Broad-way Westminster*, blind 11 Years, brought to Sight in 3 minutes. *Mary Dearing*, in *Swan-Yard* near *Newgate*, aged 75 Years, restored to Sight in one Minute. *Elizabeth Wild*, in *Bell-Alley Goswell-Street*, blind of one Eye 23 Years, restored to Sight in 5 minutes. *William Dixon*, in *Chelsea-College*, aged 87, restor'd to Sight in 5 minutes. *John Myers* on *Saffron Hill*, blind by Obstruction of the *Optick Nerves*. A Gentlewoman whose Mother lives at Justice *Constables* in *Goodman's-Fields*, the same. Mrs. *Jackson* in *Wood's-Close*, the same. Mr. *Williams*, in *Peter-Street Old-Soho*. *Anne Andrews* in *Goswell-Street*. *Sarwell Lathan*, at *Adam's-Coffee-House Chancery-Lane*. *Anne Allen*, in *Nightingal Lane* NOTE, These with 235 others have been Cur'd since *Sept.* 1708. by the aforesaid Mr. *Grant*.

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